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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion comprising a silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent, a discoloration inhibitor, a thickener, a dispersant, and a dispersion medium, wherein the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent is 5 to 60 parts by mass relative to 100 parts by mass of the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion, and the thickener is 0.1 to 10 parts by mass relative to 100 parts by mass of the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (original): A silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion formed by further adding a fine particulate compound having an average particle size of 1 to 100 nm to the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to Claim 1.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently Amended) The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to ~~any one of Claim 1 to Claim 4~~, wherein the discoloration inhibitor is an imidazole series compound and/or a benzotriazole series compound.
6. (Currently Amended) The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to ~~any one of Claim 1 to Claim 4~~, wherein the thickener is a polysaccharide and/or a cellulose-based thickener.

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7. (Currently Amended) The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to ~~any one of Claim 1 to Claim 4~~, wherein the dispersant is an anionic surfactant and/or a nonionic surfactant.

8. (Currently Amended) The silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to ~~any one of Claim 1 to Claim 4~~, wherein it further comprises a binder resin.

9. (Currently Amended) An antibacterial-processed product processed using the silver-based inorganic antibacterial agent dispersion according to ~~any one of Claim 1 to Claim 4~~.